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Book Review

The Supervillain and Me

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Excellent

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Young Adult

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Abby Hamilton is the younger sister of the Red Comet, her city's most beloved superhero. Abby just wants to get the lead role in her school's musical, and maybe get a few minutes of attention from her father and her busy superhero brother. But when a new supervillain, the Iron Phantom, arrives in town and begins to talk to Abby, things get a bit more complicated. Between rehearsing for the musical, hiding secrets from her family and best friend, trying to help the Phantom with unraveling a dastardly conspiracy, and subsequently dealing with her budding feelings for the Iron Phantom, Abby has a lot on her plate. The people of Morryston might believe that only superheroes can save the day, but Abby shows that anyone with courage and determination can be a hero.

This is a fun read that is surprisingly substantial. Although it is definitely a romance book wrapped up in the guise of superhero fantasy, the superheroes and villains are still intriguing and fun. Abby is a relatable and likeable character, and the supporting cast is well-written too. The plot is fast-paced and exciting, but readers still get enough clues along the way to stay ahead of the characters at times. The climax is a little formulaic and contrived, and the bad guys are stereotypically evil and maybe just a little bit misunderstood, but overall the plot events are satisfying and conclusive. The romance is sweet and different enough that teen romance fans will greatly enjoy this read. *The Supervillain and Me* is a great, lighthearted young adult novel that superhero fans and romance fans alike will love.

*Contains severe language, moderate violence, and mild sexual content.